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## Living Sustainably...A Community Clothing Swap

What's old was certainly new again at the first annual Community Clothing Swap held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, November 6 at East Las Vegas Community Senior Center (ELVCSC). Approximately 370 professional apparel items and accessories were swapped, and more than 60 people came out for the event. The clothing swap gave residents the opportunity to get a professional new look without spending a dime.

The Clothing Swap was organized as part of the city's CELEBRATE initiative, the City of Las Vegas employee-based effort to increase the sustainability and efficiency of the city's day-to-day operations. The event emphasized the reuse of gently used or new men's and women's clothing donations for swapping at ELVCSC. Donation items ranged from men's and women's suits and business casual clothing items, and accessories such as shoes, handbags, scarves, belts, jewelry and briefcases. Both City employees and the public dropped off more than 40 full trash bags and boxes of clothing donations at several Leisure Services facilities and the Planning & Development Department at the Development Services Center. The leftover clothing donations will be donated to the Las Vegas Indian Center and Catholic Charities.

Most clothing swap attendees watched Channel 3's "Wake Up With the Wagner's" morning show on Thursday, November 5 to learn about the event. Melissa Clary, Leisure Services' CELEBRATE Committee Chair, appeared on TV to promote the clothing swap. Several local television news channels announced the event on air and online, in addition to national coverage in the Associated Press newswire.



Susie Quintana worked the event and said it gave "staff a unique opportunity to partner directly with our community and provided a much-needed service to those seeking employment and lacking professional attire for interviews." Sandra Ward agreed. She worked the event also and stated, "The atmosphere was that of gratitude and good will. The amount of donated clothing and accessories by the public was indeed generous." Erin Sullivan added, "The Department of Leisure Services' CELEBRATE Committee is always looking for ways to assist in the city's efforts to reduce, reuse and recycle products and services to our community." The committee hopes to partner with other departments' CELEBRATE committees and organizations to hold future clothing swaps. Look for more information in early spring. ♻️

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